ADVENTURES INTO WEIRD WORLDS

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"THE EMPTY CITY!"

"NOTHING CAN STOP ME!"

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LOSE WEIGHT Where It Shows Most REDUCE MOST ANY PART OF THE BODY WITH

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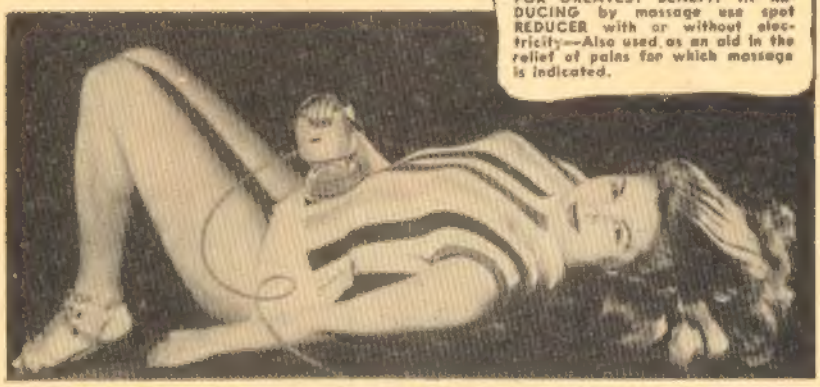

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A SHRIEK IN THE NIGHT!

WAKE UP! I WANT YOU!
HUH? WH...?
YOU GOTTA LISTEN TO ME! YOU GOTTA LET ME EXPLAIN! BEFORE YOU CONDEMN ME, ASK YOURSELF WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE DONE IF YOU WERE ME! SURE, I WAS JUST A DOWN-AND-OUT BUM, SLEEPIN' IN A GRIMY FLOP-HOUSE, SNORIN' AWAY LIKE THE REST OF THE TRAMPS... UNTIL HE CAME ALONG...
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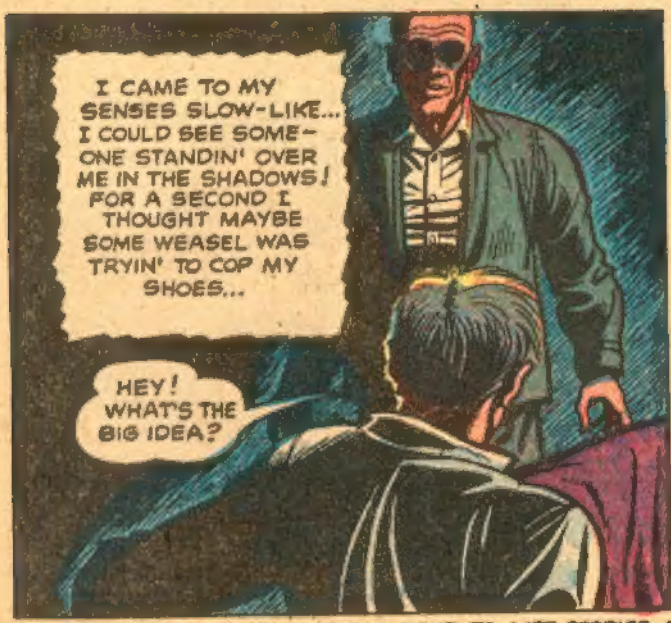
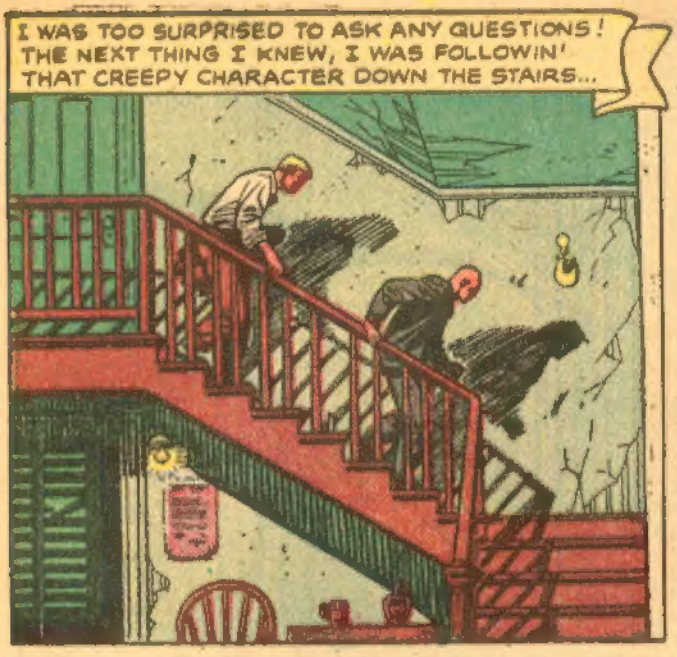

I CAME TO MY SENSES SLOW-LIKE... I COULD SEE SOMEONE STANDIN' OVER ME IN THE SHADOWS! FOR A SECOND I THOUGHT MAYBE SOME WEASEL WAS TRYIN' TO COP MY SHOES...
HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

BUT WHEN I SAW HIS FACE... AND THOSE EYES... I KNEW THIS WAS NO SHOE-STEALIN' BINDLE-STIFF! THIS WAS SOMETHIN' SPECIAL... SOMETHIN' THAT SENT CHILLS DOWN MY SPINE!

ALL NAMES AND PLACES IN THESE TRUE-TO-LIFE STORIES ARE FICTITIOUS ANY SIMILARITY BETWEEN ACTUAL PERSONS OR PLACES AND THOSE USED IN THESE STORIES IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL



FINALLY, RIGHT SMACK IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE, HE CAME TO A DEAD STOP! I BEGAN TO FIGGER I MUST BE AS LOONY AS HE WAS TO FOLLOW HIM!
WE'LL STOP HERE!

I WANTED TO TELL THE CRACK-POT TO JUMP IN THE LAKE... BUT WHEN I TOOK ANOTHER LOOK AT HIS FACE I CHANGED MY MIND! I KNEW, JUST LIKE I I KNEW THAT MY NAME WAS WHITEY KOZAK, THAT HE WASN'T KIDDING! HE TALKED CRAZY, BUT HIS EYES WERE SANE! I KNEW HE HAD ALL HIS MARBLES!

IT JUST GOES TO SHOW THAT YOU CAN'T TAKE NUTHIN' FOR GRANTED! A FEW HOURS AGO I HIT THE SACK AT THREE-FINGERS' FLOP HOUSE, READY FOR A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP! NOW... HERE I WAS CLIMBIN' INTO A SEWER IN THE BLACK OF NIGHT, JUST BECAUSE SOME REFUGEE FROM A HORROR-MOVIE PROMISED TO MAKE ME RICH!

I CLIMBED DOWN FOR MORE THAN 10 MINUTES, IT WAS CRAZY... IT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE! ***NO*** SEWER WAS ***THAT*** DEEP! AFTER A WHILE I COULD HEAR MY HEART POUNDIN' AGAINST MY RIBS...

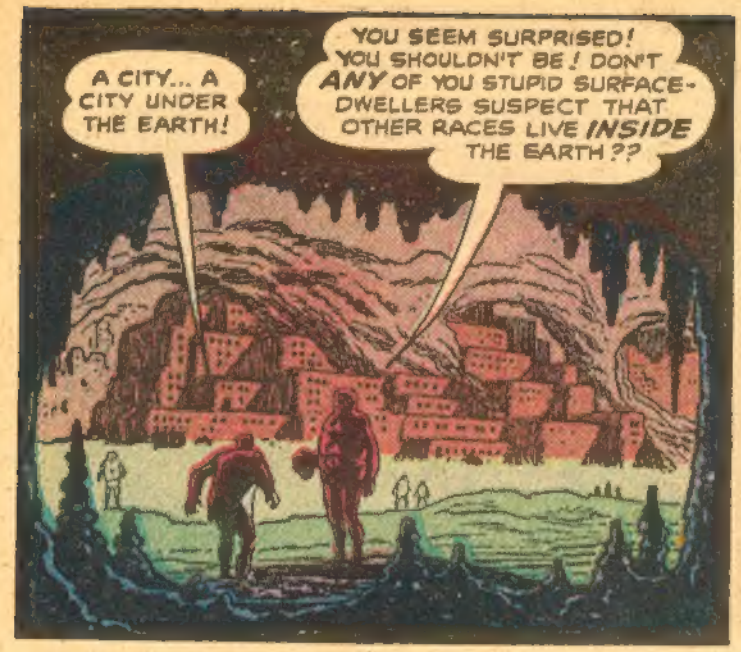
ONE SECOND I WAS CLIMBIN' DOWN, RUNG BY RUNG... THE NEXT SECOND MY FOOT REACHED OUT AND TOUCHED... NOTHING! THE RUNGS WERE GONE... I WAS FALLING!

THERE WAS NOTHIN' TO GRAB ONTO... NOTHIN' TO CATCH HOLD OF... I REALIZED I WASN'T IN ANY ORDINARY SEWER... I WAS IN A PIT... A LONG, DEEP, DARK PIT... AND I WAS FALLING DOWN INTO THE BOWELS OF THE EARTH! I HEARD A LOUD, PIERCING SHRIEK... AND I KNEW IT WAS MY OWN!

SUDDENLY A BEAM OF LIGHT SHOT OUT FROM BELOW... AND AS IT CAUGHT MY BODY... I BEGAN TO FALL SLOWER... AND SLOWER... AND SLOWER...

UNTIL I LANDED... IN THE STINKIN' SLIME OF A MUDDY HOLE, I FELT EYES LOOKIN' AT ME... BURNIN' THRU ME... I LOOKED UP...

AND I SAW IT!!! AND I WISHED THE FALL HAD ***KILLED*** ME, INSTEAD OF LETTING ME LIVE TO FACE THAT... THAT ***WHAT?***


A CITY... A CITY UNDER THE EARTH!
YOU SEEM SURPRISED! YOU SHOULDN'T BE! DON'T ANY OF YOU STUPID SURFACE-DWELLERS SUSPECT THAT OTHER RACES LIVE INSIDE THE EARTH??

THE HORROR I FELT MUST HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ALL OVER MY FACE, BECAUSE HE SAID...
BELIEVE ME, SURFACE-DWELLER, YOU LOOK AS UGLY TO ME, AS I DO TO YOU! BUT COME... THERE IS NOT MUCH TIME...
TIME? FOR WHAT?

HE LED ME INTO WHAT MUST'VE BEEN A LABORATORY! I WAS TOO SCARED TO DO ANYTHING EXCEPT FOLLOW!
TIME FOR YOU TO SERVE US! AS ALL THE OTHERS WHO CAME BEFORE YOU HAVE SERVED US!
SERVE YOU... HOW?

SLIMY ARMS GRABBED ME AND FORCED ME INTO A MACHINE OF SOME SORT...
WE DWELLERS BELOW THE EARTH PLAN TO INVADE THE SURFACE ONE DAY AND DESTROY YOUR WHOLE RACE! BUT, FIRST, WE MUST CONDITION OUR BODIES TO LIVE IN YOUR ACCURSED ATMOSPHERE! IN ORDER TO DO THAT, WE MUST STUDY SPECIMENS OF SURFACE-DWELLERS... LEARN ABOUT THEIR BLOOD, THEIR HEARTS, THEIR BRAINS...

I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT! IT HADDA BE A DREAM... A NIGHTMARE! SOON I'D WAKE UP IN THREE-FINGERS' FLOPHOUSE AND LAUGH AT THE WHOLE THING! BUT ONE SMALL PART OF MY BRAIN KEPT TELLIN' ME... IT AIN'T NO DREAM!
THIS MACHINE YOU ARE IN IS A DISSECTING MACHINE! IT WILL SEPARATE THE PARTS OF YOUR BODY SO THAT WE MAY STUDY THEM AND LEARN TO DUPLICATE THEM!
YOU... YOU'RE GONNA KILL ME!

YOU CAN STILL LIVE IF YOU WANT TO! OUR SCIENCE CAN PUT YOUR BODY TOGETHER AGAIN AFTER WE'RE FINISHED WITH IT... BUT YOUR BRAIN WILL BELONG TO US! YOU WILL BE OUR SLAVE! OR YOU CAN DIE IF YOU WISH! THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

IT WAS SUDDENLY CLEAR TO ME! THE CREEP WHO GOT ME INTO THIS WAS A GUY LIKE MYSELF WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THESE LIZARDS! THE STORY ABOUT THE PACKAGE AND THE REWARD WAS JUST A BLIND TO TRICK ME!
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BUT THEY WEREN'T GONNA DO IT TO ME! WHILE THEY WAITED FOR MY ANSWER I LEAPED OUT OF THE MACHINE!
HE'S TRYING TO ESCAPE!

BUT I COULDN'T RUN THROUGH THE SLIPPERY SLIME UNDERFOOT!
FOOL! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE US!

ALL WE NEED ARE A FEW HUNDRED MORE SPECIMENS LIKE YOURSELF, AND WE'LL HAVE LEARNED ENOUGH ABOUT YOUR BODIES TO MAKE OUR OWN BODIES ABLE TO LIVE ON THE SURFACE OF EARTH!

NOW, BEFORE I START THE MACHINE, GIVE ME YOUR ANSWER! DO YOU WANT TO DIE... OR SHALL WE LEAVE THE LIFE IN YOUR BODY AND MAKE YOU OUR SLAVE... SO THAT YOU, TOO, WILL LURE OTHER VICTIMS DOWN TO US?

I GAVE 'EM MY ANSWER AND THEY TURNED ON THE MACHINE! BUT BEFORE YOU CONDEMN ME, ASK YOURSELF ONE QUESTION...
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WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE IF YOU WERE ME?
WAKE UP! I WANT YOU!
THE END

THE WAR OF THE WORLDS

KARA finished his invention and then stood back to admire it. His hand trembled as he put down his wrench and the spare transformer. He had done it at last. He had created the machine that men had been seeking the answer to, for thousands of years, and he — Kara — had successfully built it!

It was a time-machine!

And there was a purpose for it.

Kara knew that he hadn't spent the last twenty years of his life developing a machine like this, so that he might turn it over to the Earth government. He had a plan of conquest which he knew — if successful — would allow him to conquer the entire solar system. He, Kara, would be emperor!

The first step in his plan consisted of going back in time to different periods of the Earth's history, and picking out the best Generals and Soldiers that existed on Earth for all time. They would form the core of an army of soldiers recruited the same way. It would be the greatest fighting force ever assembled in one place . . . at one time.

The first step was ancient Greece and Troy for Hector and Achilles. Then down through the ages with Hannibal, Caesar, Alexander the Great, Atilla the Hun, Patton, Sversky, Allelo and so on.

He stepped into his time machine, and pulled the lever.

In the course of six months his job was completed, and he had assembled with his generals on the plains of New York — where the Atom bomb had, years before, laid waste to a great city. The ancient fighting men were still a bit confused. Not one among them had any idea what had taken place. All they knew was that a raving maniac had approached them in the heat of battle and swooped them off in a metal chariot that thundered down through time . . . ignoring the seasons, and defying gravity. Only men from the later periods of time had any conception of what a time-machine might be. They had all read science-fiction.

"Who is this man," asked Achilles.

"Yon stranger, called Hannibal," said Hector, "tells me he calls himself Kara, and has brought us thru time — thousands of years — for the purpose of helping him conquer the world."

"What?" shrieked a bald headed soldier with a wreath on his head, "Who dares to say that anyone but I, Caesar, will ever conquer the world?"

"I do," came a voice from behind him.

"And," said Caesar, "who pray tell are you?"

"I am called by some 'Alexander the Great.' "

Caesar stood speechless for a moment. He had heard of Alexander of Macedon, but Achilles and Hector, (who died long before Alexander was born) smiled patronizingly.

"But," sputtered Caesar, "you —you're dead."

Alexander yawned, and polished his nails on his toga. "Yes," he said, "I understand we've all been dead for thousands of years."

This kind of discussion was going on all over the field. Napoleon insulted Cromwell, who would have attacked him, there and then, if General Patton hadn't intervened, warning that America would never stand by and allow an Englishman to be attacked. Later Atilla the Hun asked him just what he meant by a "mutual assistance pact."

Finally, Kara came out on the huge balcony, over which was draped an ensign with a huge "K" emblazoned in its center. He held up his hands for silence and got it.

"Gentlemen," he said, speaking thru the public address system he'd had rigged up, "I have brought all of you into this world of the 30th century for the honor of assisting me in conquering the Solar System."

When the murmur died down, he explained to many of them, just what the Solar System was. There were cries of disbelief and mutterings of "blasphemy." But finally he brought them up to date on what had happened in the world.

Each man called him a liar on the grounds that *he* was going to be the one to conquer the world in *his* time, and that the Earth would be ruled forever—

CONTINUED AFTER NEXT STORY...

Meet The Man...

Who Can Tell You How To Lick

PIMPLES

ACNE AND ALL OTHER EXTERNALLY CAUSED SKIN BLEMISHES And Make Them

DISAPPEAR FROM SIGHT... *instantly!*

Here is Mr. John A. Rubine, Ph.G. — a well-known pharmacist who has spent almost 20 years trying to solve one of the most vexing problems of youth — and adults too — unsightly, acne pimples, blackheads and similar externally caused skin conditions.

They are indeed a serious problem, for nothing can do more to ruin your chances of success and popularity than a face made ugly with pimples and blackheads. And, if neglected, acne pimples may leave permanent scars and pits.

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HE BLESSES RUBIN-EX! No one can realize the humiliation — almost disgrace — of a face marred by pimples and blackheads. I had them so bad that I felt no one wanted to look at me. Today my pimples are gone — and I bless Rubin-Ex — that did it.— Mr. Bob I.R., Long Island.

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City_____ Zone____ State_____

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THE THING THAT WAITED!

YOU OUT THERE...CAN YOU HEAR ME? LISTEN TO WHAT I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU! ALL OF YOU... PEOPLE OF AMERICA! PEOPLE OF THE WORLD! IF YOU CAN UNDERSTAND ME, TAKE WARNING! I HAVEN'T MUCH TIME, I MUST BE BRIEF... I'LL TRY TO TELL YOU SO YOU'LL KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT! LISTEN AND TAKE HEED...
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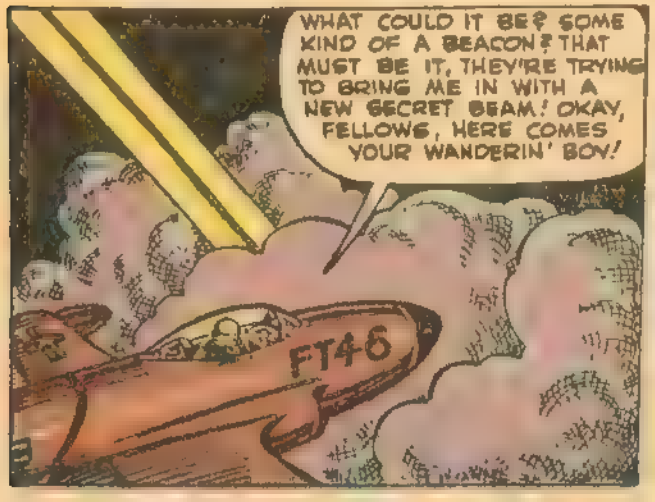
STORY & ART by JOE MANEELY

IT HAPPENED IN KOREA! WE HAD JUST COMPLETED OUR MISSION FAR ABOVE THE 38TH PARALLEL! ON THE RETURN HOP WE RAN INTO A TERRIFIC SEA OF FOG... I TRIED TO CLIMB OVER IT BUT I ONLY SUCCEEDED IN LOSING RADIO CONTACT WITH THE REST OF THE SQUADRON...

THIS SURE TAKES THE CAKE! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE! I ALWAYS SAID KOREA WAS A PEST HOLE! BUT I NEVER THOUGHT THE SLIME COULD CLIMB THIS HIGH!

I KEPT TRYING TILL I HAD ALMOST EXHAUSTED MY FUEL SUPPLY, BUT IT WAS USELESS... I COULDN'T FIND A WAY OUT!

I COULD SCARCELY BELIEVE MY EYES! HERE IN THE MIDST OF THIS BLUE-GRAY BLANKET STABBED A BLINDING SLIVER OF GOLDEN LIGHT THAT MADE EVEN SUNSHINE APPEAR "TATTLE-TALE" GRAY!


WHAT COULD IT BE? SOME KIND OF A BEACON? THAT MUST BE IT, THEY'RE TRYING TO BRING ME IN WITH A NEW SECRET BEAM! OKAY, FELLOWS, HERE COMES YOUR WANDERIN' BOY!
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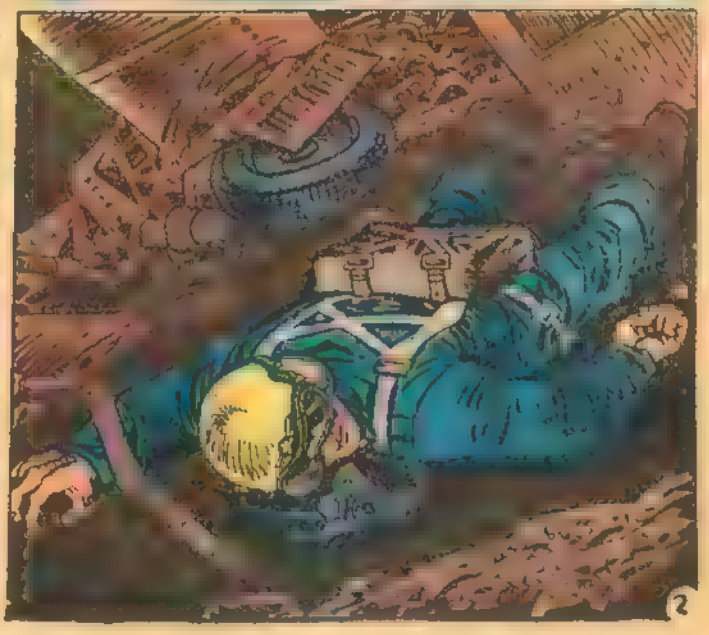
I WAS GREATLY RELIEVED, I COULDN'T WAIT TO SET DOWN AND FIND OUT WHAT THIS "SECRET" WEAPON WAS ALL ABOUT! I FLEW RIGHT ACROSS THE BEAM!

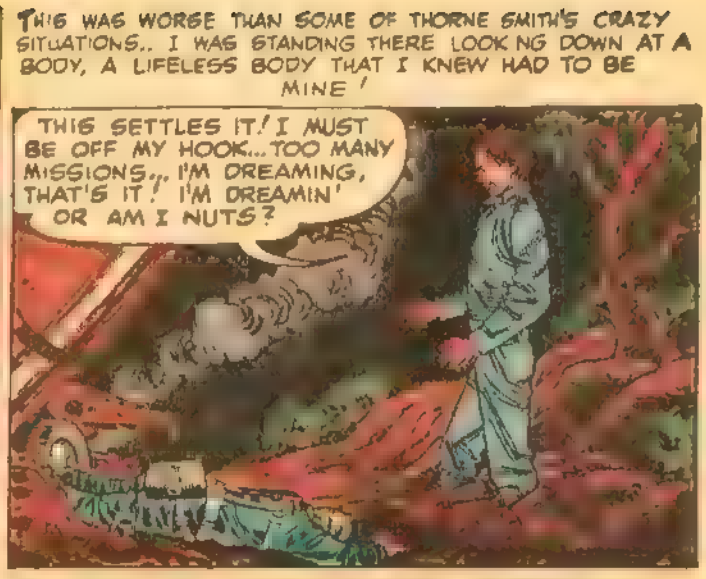
GOOD LORD! WHAT'S GOIN' ON? I'VE LOST A WING! THAT LIGHT! I MUST BE LOSING MY MIND! I'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE! WHERE'S THAT EJECTOR SWITCH?

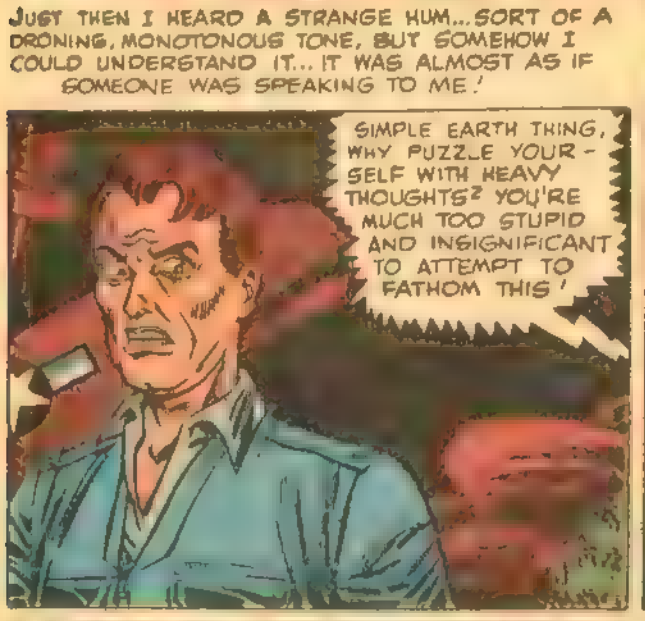
BUT FATE HAD MY NUMBER CHALKED UP HIGH THAT DAY... THE EJECTOR CONKED ON ME! I WAS TRAPPED ...I CLOSED MY EYES... AND I PRAYED!

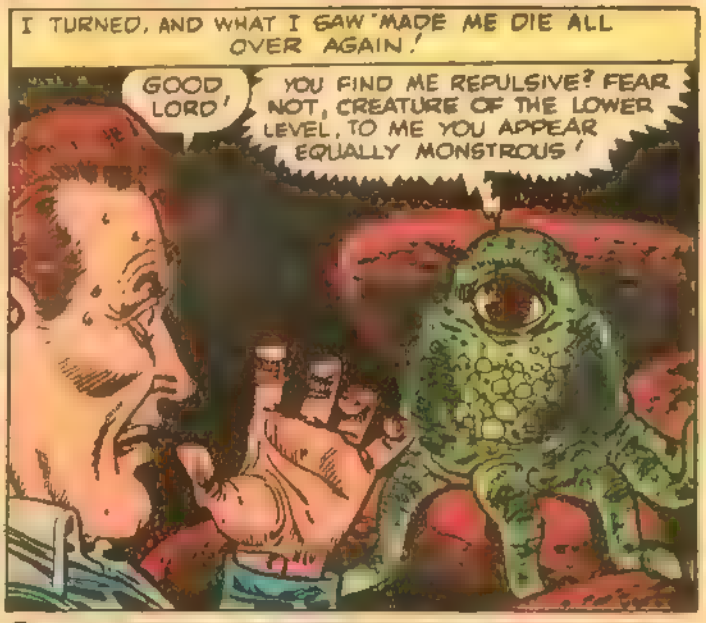
THEN IT CAME...THE BIG FINALE...THE DEAD END... EIGHTBALL...CURTAINS!



SOMEHOW I KNEW I WAS DEAD AND YET I WAS THERE, MASTER OF ALL MY FACULTIES I COULD THINK...
BUT I WAS DEAD!


THIS WAS WORSE THAN SOME OF THORNE SMITH'S CRAZY SITUATIONS.. I WAS STANDING THERE LOOKING DOWN AT A BODY, A LIFELESS BODY THAT I KNEW HAD TO BE MINE!
THIS SETTLES IT! I MUST BE OFF MY HOOK...TOO MANY MISSIONS.. I'M DREAMING, THAT'S IT! I'M DREAMIN' OR AM I NUTS?


JUST THEN I HEARD A STRANGE HUM...SORT OF A DRONING, MONOTONOUS TONE, BUT SOMEHOW I COULD UNDERSTAND IT... IT WAS ALMOST AS IF SOMEONE WAS SPEAKING TO ME!
SIMPLE EARTH THING, WHY PUZZLE YOURSELF WITH HEAVY THOUGHTS? YOU'RE MUCH TOO STUPID AND INSIGNIFICANT TO ATTEMPT TO FATHOM THIS!


I TURNED, AND WHAT I SAW MADE ME DIE ALL OVER AGAIN!
GOOD LORD!
YOU FIND ME REPULSIVE? FEAR NOT, CREATURE OF THE LOWER LEVEL, TO ME YOU APPEAR EQUALLY MONSTROUS!

WHO.. WHAT ARE YOU? WHAT'S HAPPENING TO TO ME? GOOD LORD... I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE OF THIS... AM I DEAD?
DEAD? NO, FOOLISH MORTAL! YOU HAVE JUST CEASED TO EXIST.. YOU HAVE HAD YOUR MOMENT OF TIME! NOW YOU RETURN TO YOUR ORIGINAL STATE NOTHING!! COME!

IT WAS SUDDENLY TRANSPORTED TO A BARREN PLATEAU, IT ALL HAPPENED IN A SPLIT SECOND! MY COMPANION RATTLED ON, AND THE HAIR ON MY BODY BRISTLED!
YOU GAZE WITH WONDER, EARTH CREATURE! ABSORB ALL THAT YOU CAN, FOR IN A FEW MOMENTS YOU FADE INTO SPACE WITH THE COSMIC DUST!
I DON'T KNOW WHO, OR WHAT YOU ARE... WILL YOU PLEASE TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE? OVER THERE... THAT BEAM OF BRILLIANT LIGHT... WHAT IS IT?

THERE IT WAS THAT BLINDING SLICE OF LIGHT THAT HAD KNOCKED ME OUT OF THE SKY.
THAT LIGHT, LOWLY ONE, IS OUR CONTACT WITH THE MOTHER PLANET, TRISIS... AS YOU CAN SEE IT CONSTANTLY SENDS AND RECEIVES OTHER UNITS SUCH AS MYSELF!
YOUR FLIMSY FLYING MACHINE FELL APART WHEN IT CONTACTED OUR "SYSTEM" LIGHT...ITS POWER IS VERY STRONG! IT MUST CAST ITSELF FURTHER INTO SPACE THAN ANY DISTANCE YOUR FELLOW CREATURES ON EARTH COULD IMAGINE!
ARE YOU INVADING THE EARTH? HAVE YOU JUST STARTED THIS MOVEMENT BACK AND FORTH FROM "TRISIS"?
WE HAVE BEEN HERE FROM THE VERY DAY LIFE SPRUNG FROM THIS UNWHOLESOME SPHERE YOU CALL YOUR EARTH! I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING THAT SHOULD INTEREST YOU! YOU HAVE A LITTLE TIME LEFT! I SHALL TELL YOU THINGS NO OTHER EARTH-BEING HAS EVER KNOWN...OR EVER SHALL KNOW!
"SINCE TIME BEGAN, WE TRIGISIONS HAVE WATCHED THE UNIVERSE FROM OUR MOTHER PLANET...WE HAVE NO USE FOR FLIMSY BITS OF METAL AND GLASS YOU EARTH CREATURES USE TO OBSERVE THE SKIES...WE CAN OBSERVE SIMPLY BY WISHING TO OBSERVE!"
MASTER, A FORM OF LIFE HAS BEGUN ON A SMALL PLANET FAR OUT IN SPACE! IT SEEMS TO PROSPER! IN TIME IT SHOULD DEVELOP INTO AN ALMOST INTELLIGENT CIVILIZATION!
COULD WE USE IT TO OUR OWN BENEFIT?
IT'S MUCH TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE THAT, BUT I THOUGHT WE SHOULD SEND AN ADVANCE GROUP TO OBSERVE THEIR DEVELOPMENT!
VERY WELL, USE YOUR POWERS TO APPEAR SIMILAR TO THEM! SPEND SOME TIME THERE AND REPORT TO ME WHEN THEY HAVE ADVANCED SUFFICIENTLY TO WARRANT OUR INTEREST!
PRAISE BE TO TRION, THE INDESTRUCTIBLE!
"THUS WE ESTABLISHED OUR CONTACTS...THE SAME SYSTEM THAT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE WE FIRST ARRIVED... MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO!"
BUT HOW COULD YOU EXIST ON EARTH ALL THIS TIME? I'VE NEVER SEEN A CREATURE LIKE YOU! SURELY YOUR GROUP WOULD HAVE BEEN OBSERVED BY SOMEONE THRU THE CENTURIES!
FOOLISH MORTAL! MY COMPANIONS AND I ARE KNOWN THE WORLD OVER! YOU FORGET WE WERE INTELLECTED TO ADAPT OURSELVES TO FIT YOUR IDEAS OF WHAT TO EXPECT OF YOUR FELLOW EARTHMEN!

YOU OBSERVE US AS WE REALLY ARE BECAUSE YOU HAVE GONE FROM THE EARTH WORLD TO THE SPIRIT WORLD... YOU PICK A MOST OPPORTUNE MOMENT! FORTUNATELY YOU WILL ESCAPE THE ZERO HOUR!
THE ZERO HOUR? WHAT KIND OF NONSENSE ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT NOW? WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE NOW? ONE OF THOSE BEAMS FADED AWAY
THAT WAS OUR RECEIVING SECTION... WE NO LONGER NEED IT, NOW ALL WE NEED IS THE SINGLE BEACON TO RETURN US TO TRISIS! FOR TODAY IS THE DAY OF THE ZERO HOUR!
THIS IS TOO FANTASTIC! I CAN'T TAKE ANYMORE ...DO WHAT YOU WANT WITH ME... ONLY DON'T TELL ME ANY MORE, PLEASE!
WEAK EARTHLING! YOU MUST HEAR THE REST! WE HAVE EXISTED HERE ON YOUR FILTHY SPHERE FOR CENTURIES PREPARING FOR THIS DAY! WE HAVE ALTERED OUR APPEARANCES TO PLEASE YOUR LOWLY FELLOW HUMANS! AFTER TODAY WE NEED NOT DISGUISE OURSELVES ANY LONGER! FOR TODAY WE TAKE POSSESSION OF YOUR MISERABLE PLANET! OUR YEARS OF MASQUERADING ARE OVER!
WE HOLD A RESPECTED PLACE IN YOUR SOCIETY! WE'VE WATCHED YOUR PETTY WARS THRU THE CENTURIES... YES, WE HAVE EVEN PLAYED AT WAR WITH YOU, JUST TO WIN YOUR CONFIDENCE! WE HAVE BUILT OURSELVES INTO THE MOST POWERFUL NATION ON YOUR FLIMSY WORLD! OBSERVE, EARTHMAN, HOW MY FELLOW UNITS PLAY AT... OH... YOU'RE STARTING TO [illegible]... YOUR TIME EXPIRED BEFORE I HAD PLANNED...
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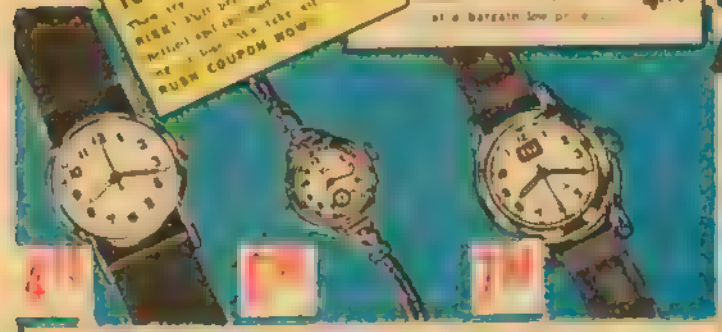

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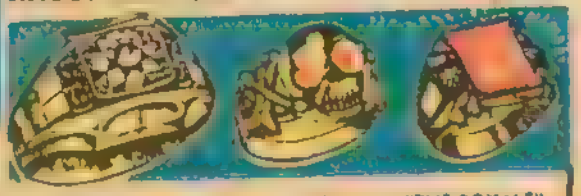

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more by *his* descendants. There were angry mutterings among the crowd, as each soldier argued with the next about which one of them would actually have succeeded in conquering the world in his time.

Kara raised his hands for silence again, and angrily denounced this insubordination among his generals. He told them that they had just about six months in which to aid him in his conquest and then they would naturally drift back to their own times. They were silent.

But they brooded.

That evening several among them called a secret gathering to discuss just what was to be done. They argued for hours over the pro's and con's of aiding this man. They decided instead to kill him. Caesar was chosen as the one to call him out of his bed on the pretext of an important message; then the others, in the hallway, would pounce upon him and stab him to death.

Caesar led the way to the house of Kara. The incident went as planned, and Achilles, Hannibal and Napoleon were the first to stab him. Lafayette was last.

But something happened.

When Lafayette pulled his dagger out of Kara's belly, he noticed something strange about the expression on the dead man's face. He touched it and came away with a huge rubberoid mask.

"Mon dieu," he shouted. "Look at this! This man is not a human being!"

The men pressed in closely to get a better look at the man with the green face and three eyes. It struck terror into their hearts, for never had anyone of them seen anything so strange.

It was Patton who spoke up.

"This man is not of earth!" he said. "He must be from another planet!"

Two of Kara's aides were captured and found to have the same kind of masks on their faces. They were tortured until they confessed. They were all Martians.

Patton explained, from his knowledge of Science-fiction, what a Martian was, and he told them that the planet earth was indeed in great danger of being conquered by an alien planet. After a moment of silence,

Atilla the Hun spoke up.

"I suggest that we all offer our services to the present government of Earth, for the purpose of wiping out a threat to this earth. After all this is an attack on the home of our descendants."

The agreement was unanimous, and the group sent a delegation down to the capitol of New California to inform the leaders of the danger involved. The group also put forth the offer of help of some of the greatest military men and strategists the Earth had ever known. It was accepted. And all of them were taken by Rocket-transports to the capitol building of the superoctogen (where military matters were handled). They created quite a furor in the capitol.

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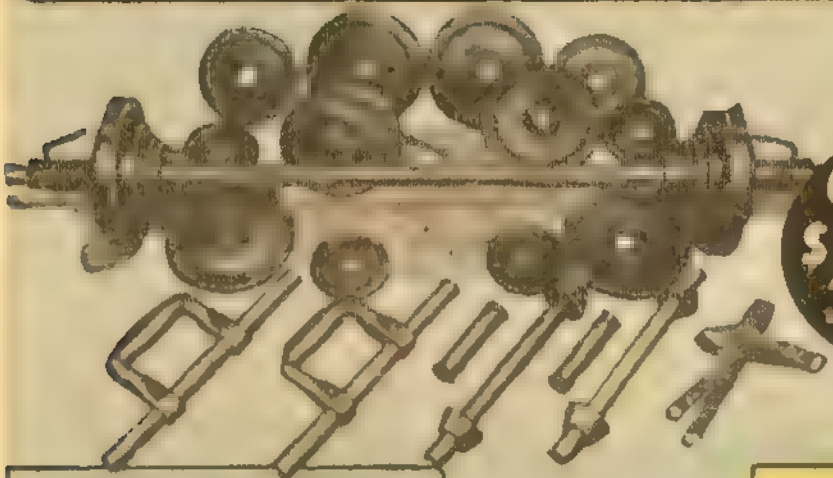

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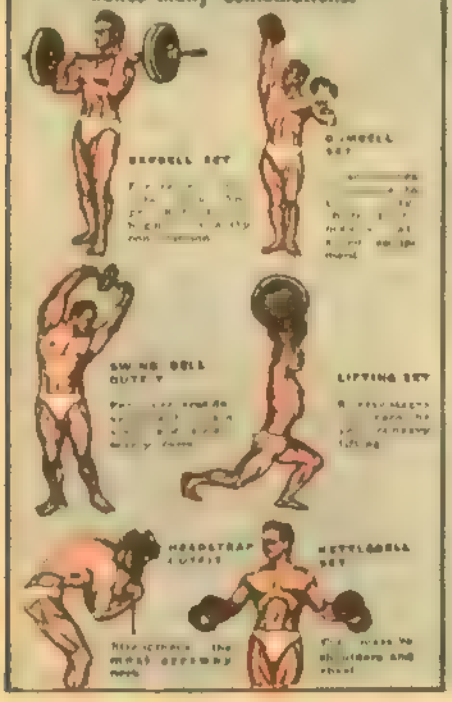

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I BLAME RITA THORNTON FOR THE HORRIBLE THING THAT HAS HAPPENED TO ME! IF SHE HADN'T SLAPPED ME THAT NIGHT WHEN I TRIED TO KISS HER...
SLAP!
I'VE OFFERED YOU MY LOVE-- AND ALL YOU RETURN IS HATE!
WHAT ELSE DID YOU EXPECT? WHATEVER MADE YOU THINK I'D CARE EVEN A LITTLE FOR YOU? YOU'RE WEAK AND UGLY! I-I DESPISE YOU!

I KNEW SHE DESPISED ME, BUT TO HEAR IT FROM HER OWN LIPS WAS SOMETHING I COULDN'T BEAR! I LUNGED FOR HER, BUT SHE SLIPPED BY ME AND FLED DOWN THE PATH...
WAIT... YOU'VE GOT TO HEAR ME OUT!
SHE'S RUN OFF, BUT THIS ISN'T THE END! SHE'LL SOON FIND OUT THAT I DON'T GIVE UP EASILY! THERE IS STILL A WAY OF CHANGING HER MIND ABOUT ME--- A WAY THAT CAN'T FAIL!
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WORKING SWIFTLY, I FILLED THE HYPO WITH THE SERUM, AND ROLLED BACK MY RIGHT SLEEVE...
SHE CALLS ME WEAK..DESPISES ME BECAUSE I LACK THE STRENGTH OF OTHER MEN! BUT SHE'LL THINK DIFFERENTLY SOON ENOUGH!
ALL RESTRAINT SWEPT FROM ME, AS I FOUND MY NEW STRENGTH DEMANDED SATISFACTION! WITH AN EXULTANT CRY, I SNATCHED UP PROFESSOR THORNTON LIKE A BUNDLE OF RAGS...
I HAVE STRENGTH! MORE POWER THAN A DOZEN MEN!
AS I PLUNGED THE NEEDLE INTO MY ARM, THE REACTION WAS INSTANTANEOUS! IT WAS AS THOUGH MY BLOOD HAD TURNED INTO A STREAM OF LIVING FLAME...
IN ONE MIRACULOUS MOMENT I FELT A TERRIFYING SURGE OF POWER SWEEP THROUGH MY BODY.. AND THEN SUDDENLY THE LAB DOOR BURST OPEN...
CARL! WHAT HAVE YOU--? THE SERUM! YOU FOOL! DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE DONE?

THEN, I FLUNG HIM BODILY ACROSS THE ROOM!
GR
NOW TO FIND RITA! SHE MUST BE THE FIRST TO SEE MY NEW-FOUND STRENGTH! HOW PLEASED IT WILL MAKE HER!
WHAT LUCK I HAD! THE MOMENT I LEFT THE ROOM I FOUND HER STANDING AT THE FOOT OF THE STAIRS... HER EYES WERE W'DE, BUT NOT WITH FRIGHT— IT WAS ADMIRATION..
LOOK, RITA! THE GORILLA SERUM HAS CHANGED MY FRAIL BODY INTO A TOWER OF STRENGTH! I'VE DONE IT FOR YOU!
AS I STEPPED FORWARD, SHE CRINGED AGAINST THE WALL! WHY WOULD SHE DO THIS? I WAS STRONG NOW I WAS THE KIND OF MAN SHE HAD ALWAYS PRAISED
YOU MUSTN'T RUN FROM ME NOW, RITA! YOU WILL NEVER RUN AWAY FROM ME AGAIN! PROMISE ME YOU WON'T RUN AWAY AGAIN!
STAY AWAY FROM ME! D-DON'T TOUCH ME!
I WAS ANGRY NOW... I HAD DONE IT ALL FOR HER, BUT STILL SHE SPURNED ME... BLINDLY I REACHED FOR HER THROAT, WHEN SUDDENLY...
BANG!
BANG!
A MOMENT LATER I HAD SLUMPED TO THE FLOOR...MY STRENGTH WAS GOING FAST...IT WAS ALL SO STRANGE... SO VERY...
ANOTHER MOMENT AND HE'D HAVE— OH, DAD WHAT HAPPENED?
THE SERUM, RITA! IT WAS STILL IN THE EXPERIMENTAL STAGE...THE POOR FOOL NEVER KNEW!
WHAT DIDN'T I KNOW? FEEBLY I STRUGGLED FOR THE ANSWER, AS THE FINAL DARK WAVE OF OBLIVION SWEPT OVER ME ..
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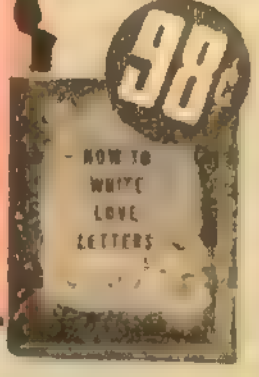

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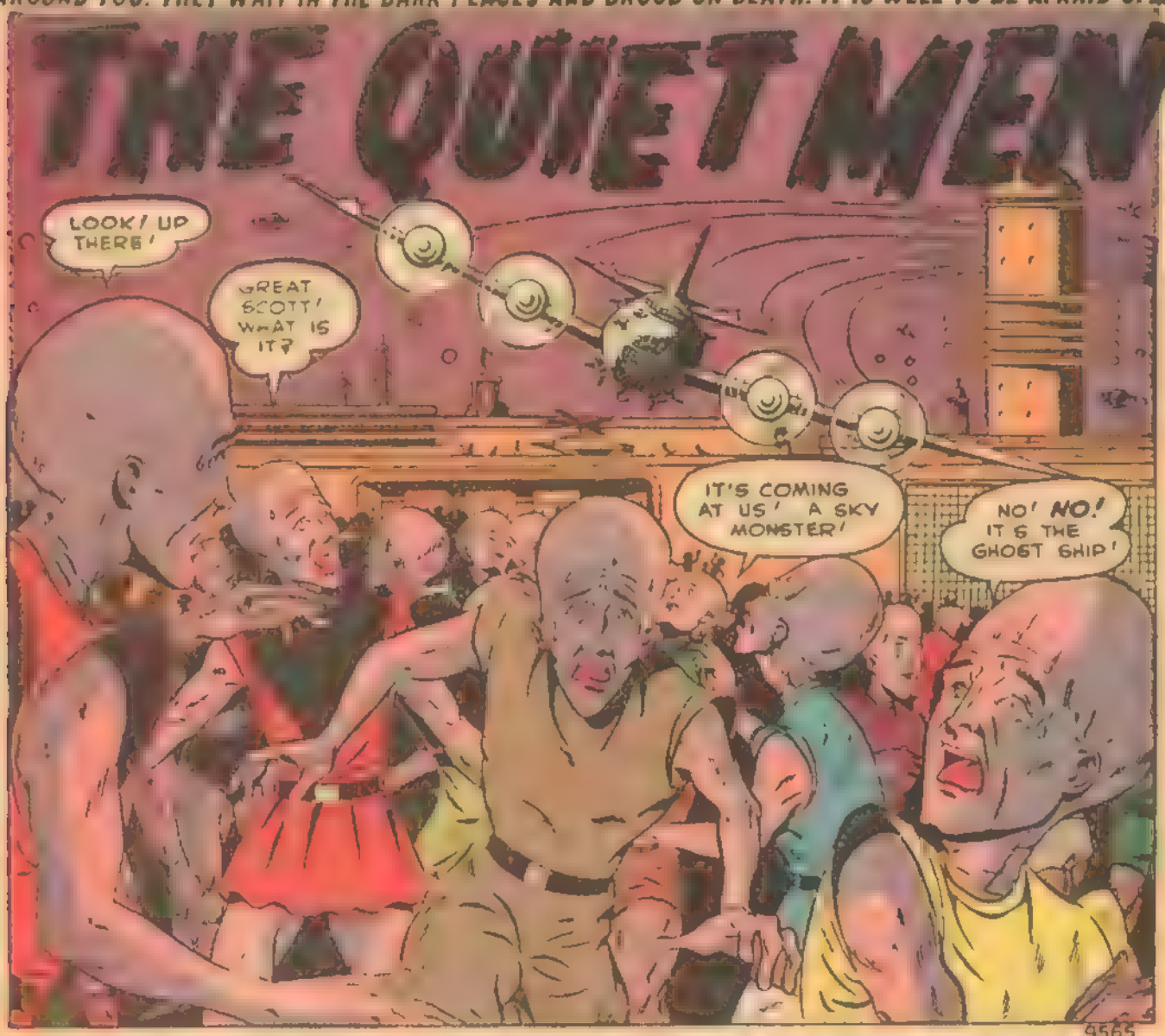

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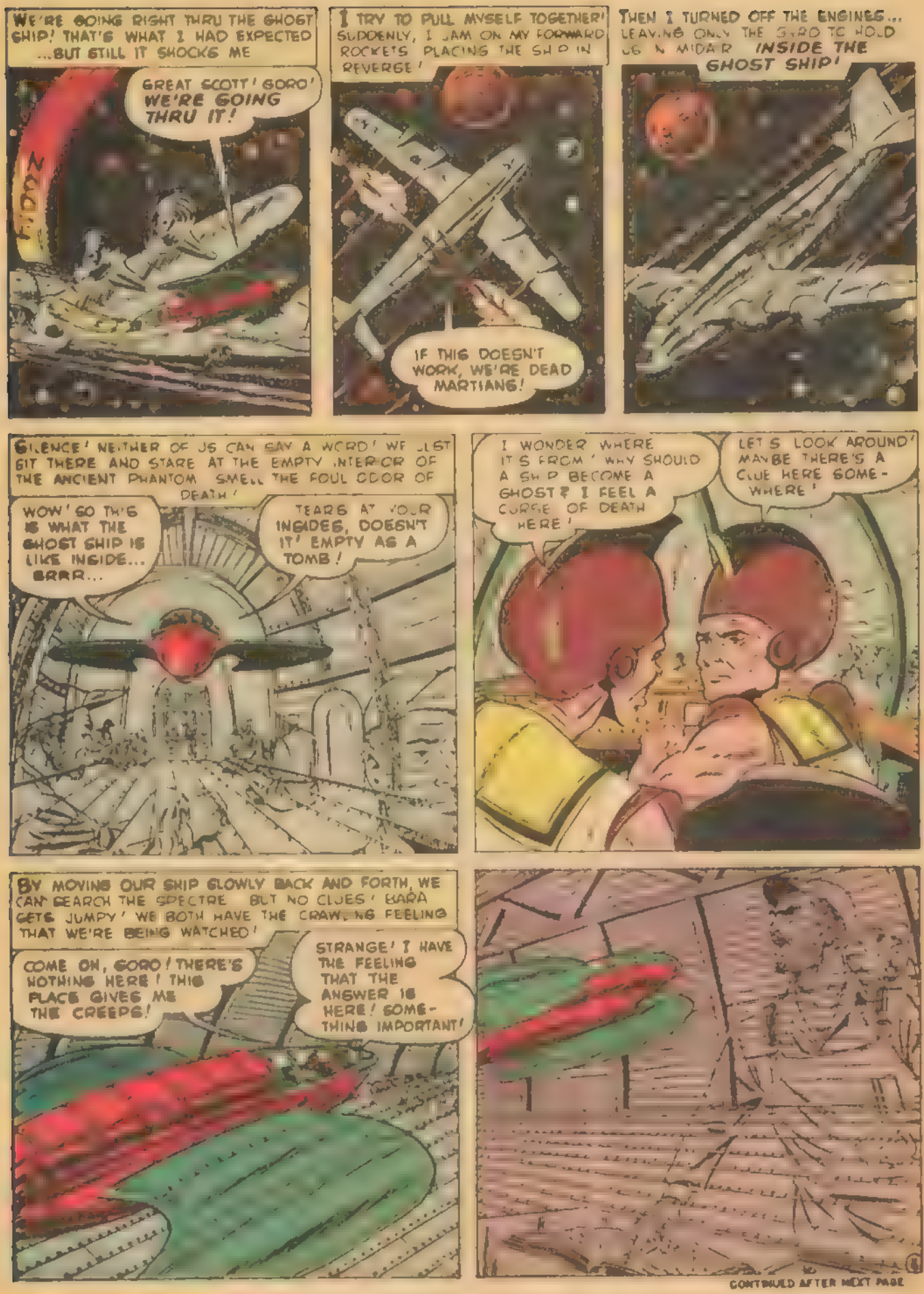
COME ON, GORO! I WANT A CRACK AT THAT PHANTOM SHIP!
ALRIGHT! RELAX! WE'LL SEE IF YOU'RE THAT COCKY WHEN WE TANGLE WITH THE GHOSTS!
WE ROCKET INTO THE SKY AND SOON WE SEE THE ANCIENT VESSEL! IT IS THOUSANDS OF YEARS OLD..BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHERE IT CAME FROM OR WHY..OR WHERE IT IS GOING... WE BLAST IT WITH OUR FIREPOWER...
NOTHING WE THROW AT IT HAS ANY EFFECT! WE ALL FEAR THIS "GHOST SHIP" THAT WANDERS IN SPACE! THERE IS NO WAY TO DESTROY A SHIP, WHEN EVERYTHING GOES THRU IT!
HEY! LOOK, GORO! THEY'RE GOING BACK! LET'S BEAT IT, TOO!
I THOUGHT YOU WANTED A CRACK AT HER!
YEAH, BUT NOT ALL BY MYSELF! HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'VE GOT AN IDEA HOW TO GET THAT SHIP! IT'S THE ONLY WAY!
I POINT THE NOSE OF MY ROCKET DIRECTLY AT THE GHOST SHIP AND JAB MY FINGER ON THE POWER BUTTON! I DO IT SO HARD I'M SURE MY FINGER WILL BREAK..!
YOU'RE CRAZY! YOU MANIAC! YOU'RE HEADED STRAIGHT AT HER, YOU FOOL! TURN THE SHIP!
IT'S TOO LATE NOW!


WE'RE GOING RIGHT THRU THE GHOST SHIP! THAT'S WHAT I HAD EXPECTED ...BUT STILL IT SHOCKS ME
GREAT SCOTT! GORO! WE'RE GOING THRU IT!
ZOOM
I TRY TO PULL MYSELF TOGETHER! SUDDENLY, I JAM ON MY FORWARD ROCKETS PLACING THE SHIP IN REVERSE!
IF THIS DOESN'T WORK, WE'RE DEAD MARTIANS!
THEN I TURNED OFF THE ENGINES... LEAVING ONLY THE GYRO TO HOLD US IN MIDAIR INSIDE THE GHOST SHIP!
SILENCE! NEITHER OF US CAN SAY A WORD! WE JUST SIT THERE AND STARE AT THE EMPTY INTERIOR OF THE ANCIENT PHANTOM SMELL THE FOUL ODOR OF DEATH!
WOW! SO THIS IS WHAT THE GHOST SHIP IS LIKE INSIDE... BRRR...
TEARS AT YOUR INSIDES, DOESN'T IT? EMPTY AS A TOMB!
I WONDER WHERE IT'S FROM! WHY SHOULD A SHIP BECOME A GHOST? I FEEL A CURSE OF DEATH HERE!
LET'S LOOK AROUND! MAYBE THERE'S A CLUE HERE SOMEWHERE!
BY MOVING OUR SHIP SLOWLY BACK AND FORTH, WE CAN SEARCH THE SPECTRE BUT NO CLUES! BARA GETS JUMPY! WE BOTH HAVE THE CRAWLING FEELING THAT WE'RE BEING WATCHED!
COME ON, GORO! THERE'S NOTHING HERE! THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE CREEPS!
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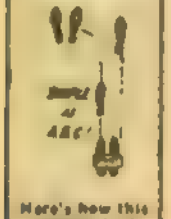

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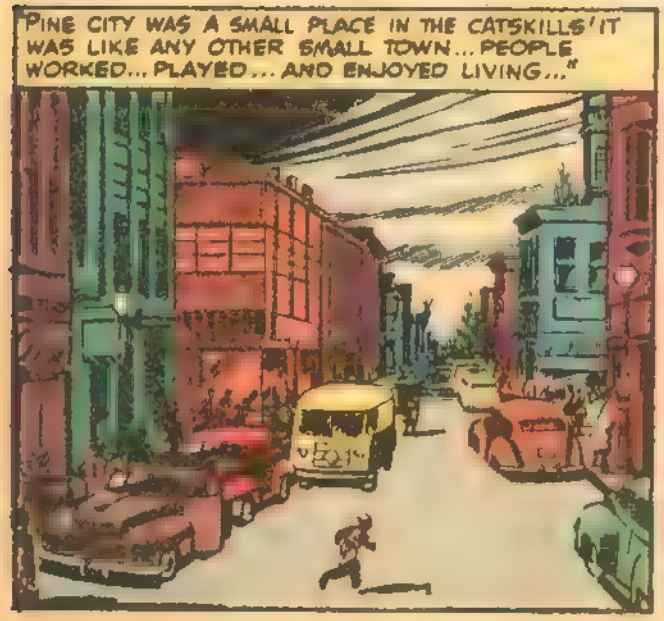
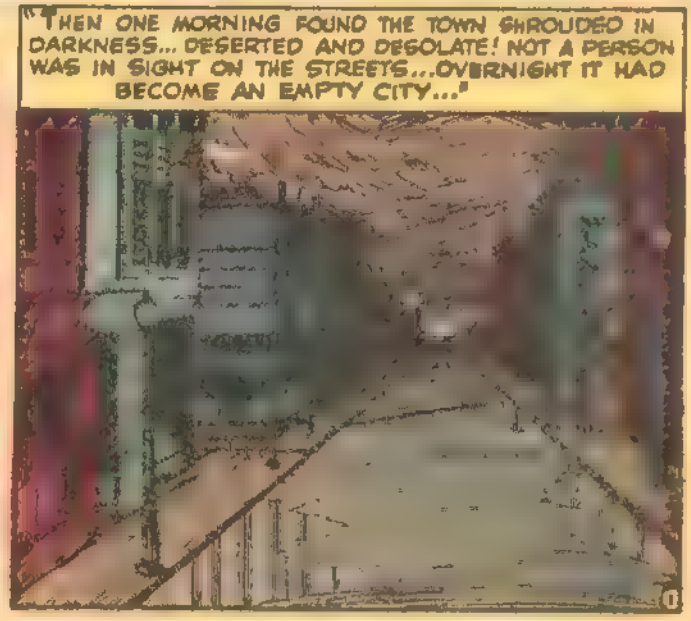
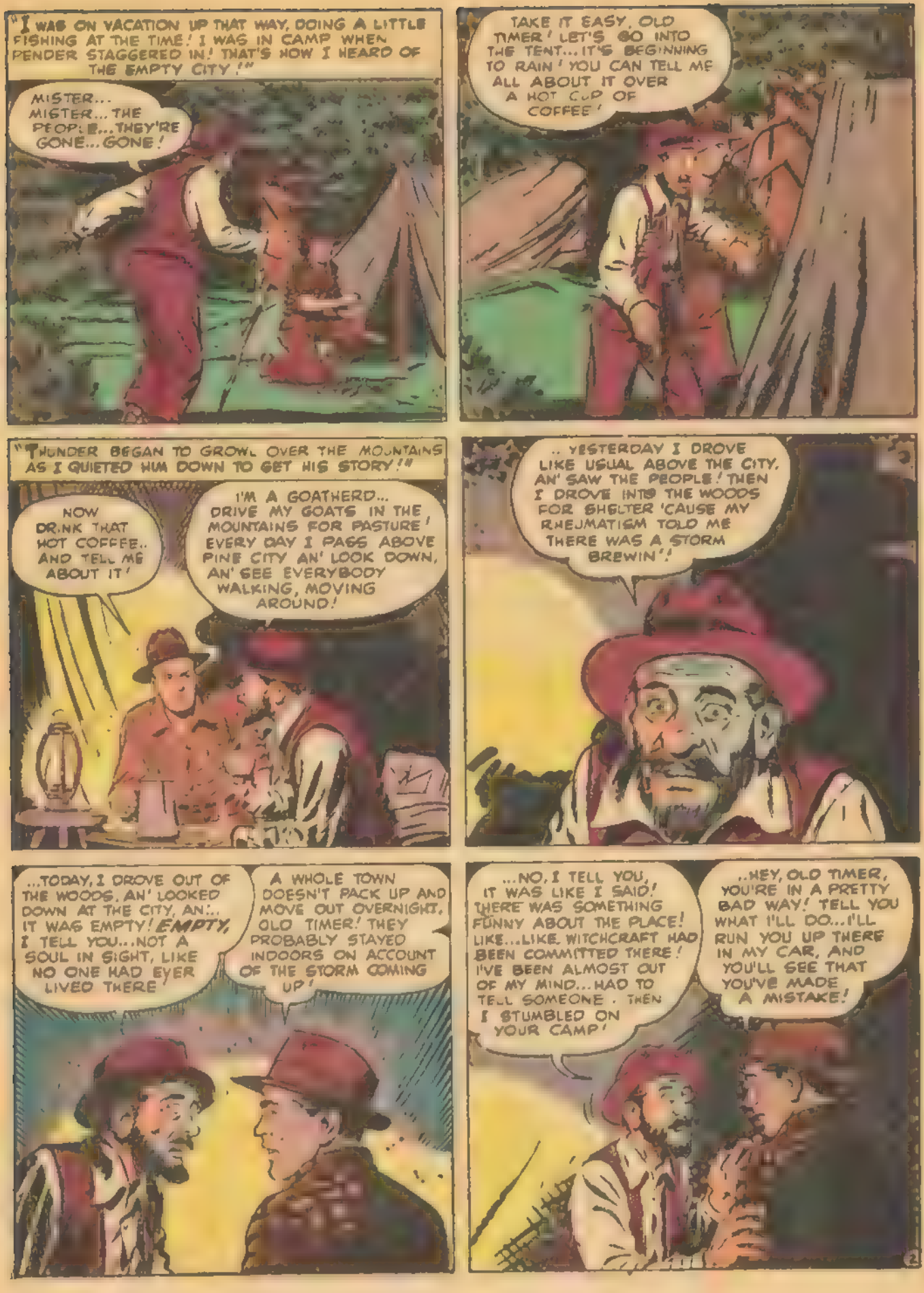
THE LOG! THE SHIP'S LOG! BARA! THIS WILL GIVE US THE ANSWERS TO THE MYSTERY OF THE GHOST SHIP!
WHAT DOES IT SAY? READ IT OUT LOUD! AND THEN LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
" ENTRY... AUGUST 9, 1955! LOG OF THE 'FLYING EARTHMAN'! WE TOOK OFF, AS INSTRUCTED BY OUR SEALED ORDERS... LOADED WITH SUPER-COSMIC BOMBS! DESTINATION X! WE WERE TO BE THE FIRST SHIP TO DROP THE BOMB IN THE NAME OF PEACE..."
" AS CAPTAIN, I WAS THE ONE TO GIVE THE COMMAND. WHEN WE REACHED THE STRATOSPHERE... TARGET X WAS SIGHTED IN THE CROSS-HAIRS, AND THEN..."
ONE...TWO...THREE! BOMBS AWAY!
I'M KINDA SCARED! WHAT IF..?
" WE SAW IT! THE THREE-PRONGED MUSHROOM THAT BILLOWED UPWARD... A RAIN OF FIRE AND SMOKE! FEAR CLUTCHED AT OUR THROATS! WHAT HAD WE DONE?"
IT'S... IT'S GHASTLY!
GREAT SCOTT! WHAT IF SOME OF THEIR PLANES GOT OFF THE GROUND? THEY HAVE THE BOMB TOO!
" SOON WE KNEW... THEY HAD THE BOMB ALSO! SOON WE SAW THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST COSMIC BOMB WAR "
"...AND SO, WE OF THE 'FLYING EARTHMAN' WILL EVER REMAIN A GHOST SHIP, WANDERING THE SOLAR SYSTEM FOREVER! WE HAVE ON OUR SOULS THE GUILT OF DROPPING THE BOMB THAT STARTED THE WAR, THAT TURNED THE PLANET EARTH INTO A FLAMING SUN. "

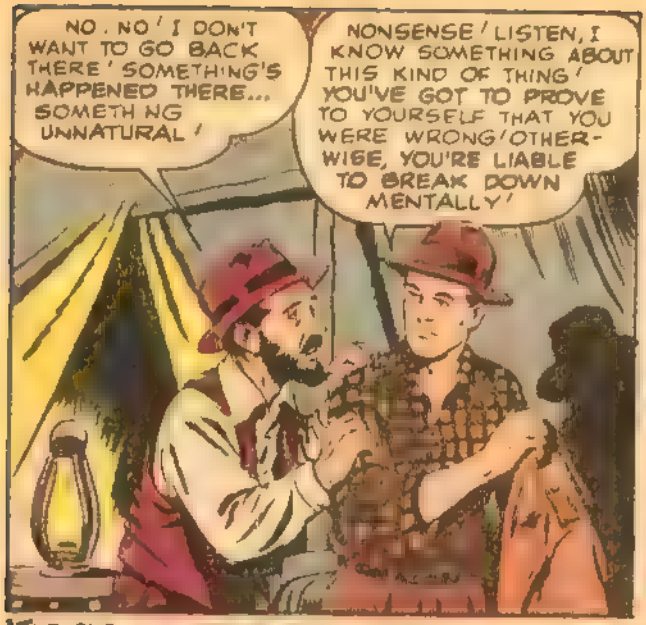
THE EMPTY CITY!

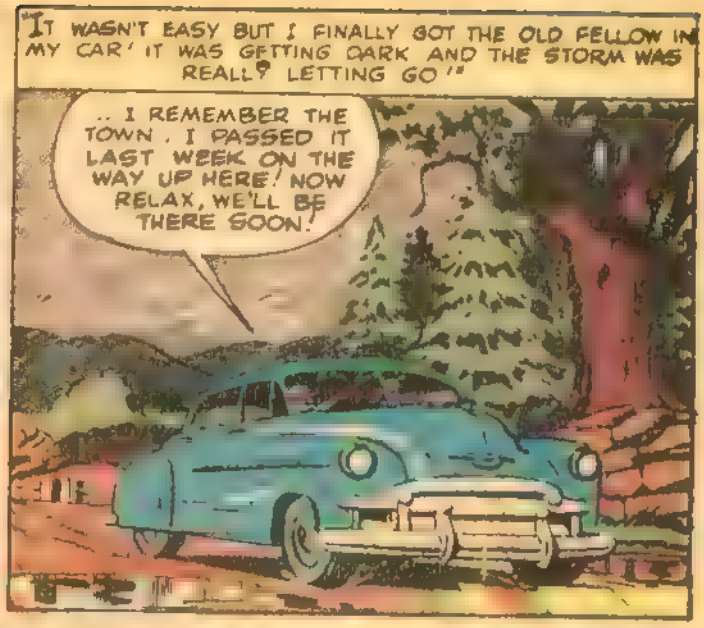
"I FELT A STRANGE, UNNATURAL, WEIRD SENSATION, STANDING THERE IN THE STORM, LOOKING AT THE EMPTY CITY... AS THOUGH THERE WAS SOMETHING IN THE STORM, SOMETHING HORRIBLE, BEYOND EXPLAINING! BUT LET ME GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING AND TELL YOU THE STORY... BECAUSE THAT'S MY JOB, TELLING STORIES! I'M JOHNNY HART, ACE REPORTER FOR THE GRAPHIC NEWS!"
THIS MANUSCRIPT WAS BROUGHT TO THE OFFICE OF WEIRD WORLDS PUBLISHING COMPANY BY A MRS. MARKAM! SHE IS THE OWNER OF A BOARDING HOUSE ON LEXINGTON AVENUE, AND SHE CLAIMS THAT JOHNNY HART RENTED A ROOM IN HER HOUSE, THEN DISAPPEARED! THIS TYPEWRITTEN STORY WAS FOUND AMONG HIS EFFECTS!



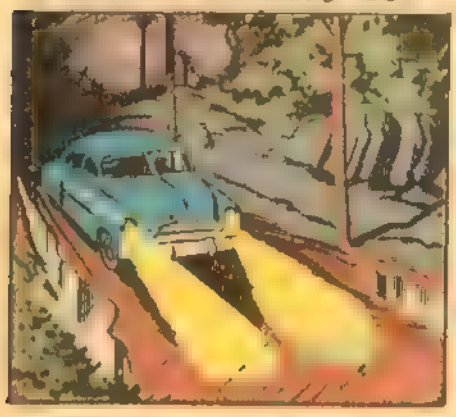

"THEN ONE MORNING FOUND THE TOWN SHROUDED IN DARKNESS... DESERTED AND DESOLATE! NOT A PERSON WAS IN SIGHT ON THE STREETS... OVERNIGHT IT HAD BECOME AN EMPTY CITY..."


"I WAS ON VACATION UP THAT WAY, DOING A LITTLE FISHING AT THE TIME! I WAS IN CAMP WHEN PENDER STAGGERED IN! THAT'S HOW I HEARD OF THE EMPTY CITY!"
MISTER... MISTER... THE PEOPLE... THEY'RE GONE... GONE!
TAKE IT EASY, OLD TIMER! LET'S GO INTO THE TENT... IT'S BEGINNING TO RAIN! YOU CAN TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT OVER A HOT CUP OF COFFEE!
"THUNDER BEGAN TO GROWL OVER THE MOUNTAINS AS I QUIETED HIM DOWN TO GET HIS STORY!"
NOW DRINK THAT HOT COFFEE.. AND TELL ME ABOUT IT!
I'M A GOATHERD... DRIVE MY GOATS IN THE MOUNTAINS FOR PASTURE! EVERY DAY I PASS ABOVE PINE CITY AN' LOOK DOWN, AN' SEE EVERYBODY WALKING, MOVING AROUND!
.. YESTERDAY I DROVE LIKE USUAL ABOVE THE CITY, AN' SAW THE PEOPLE! THEN I DROVE INTO THE WOODS FOR SHELTER 'CAUSE MY RHEUMATISM TOLD ME THERE WAS A STORM BREWIN'!
...TODAY, I DROVE OUT OF THE WOODS, AN' LOOKED DOWN AT THE CITY, AN:.. IT WAS EMPTY! EMPTY, I TELL YOU...NOT A SOUL IN SIGHT, LIKE NO ONE HAD EVER LIVED THERE
A WHOLE TOWN DOESN'T PACK UP AND MOVE OUT OVERNIGHT, OLD TIMER! THEY PROBABLY STAYED INDOORS ON ACCOUNT OF THE STORM COMING UP!
...NO, I TELL YOU, IT WAS LIKE I SAID! THERE WAS SOMETHING FUNNY ABOUT THE PLACE! LIKE...LIKE WITCHCRAFT HAD BEEN COMMITTED THERE! I'VE BEEN ALMOST OUT OF MY MIND... HAD TO TELL SOMEONE . THEN I STUMBLED ON YOUR CAMP!
..HEY, OLD TIMER, YOU'RE IN A PRETTY BAD WAY! TELL YOU WHAT I'LL DO... I'LL RUN YOU UP THERE IN MY CAR, AND YOU'LL SEE THAT YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE!


NO . NO ! I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK THERE ! SOMETHING'S HAPPENED THERE... SOMETHING UNNATURAL !
NONSENSE ! LISTEN, I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS KIND OF THING ! YOU'VE GOT TO PROVE TO YOURSELF THAT YOU WERE WRONG ! OTHERWISE, YOU'RE LIABLE TO BREAK DOWN MENTALLY !


"IT WASN'T EASY BUT I FINALLY GOT THE OLD FELLOW IN MY CAR ! IT WAS GETTING DARK AND THE STORM WAS REALLY LETTING GO !"
.. I REMEMBER THE TOWN . I PASSED IT LAST WEEK ON THE WAY UP HERE ! NOW RELAX, WE'LL BE THERE SOON !

"THE OLD MAN DIDN'T SAY A WORD AS WE PLOWED THRU THE MUDDY ROADS TOWARD THE CITY ! HIS FRIGHT SEEMED TO HAVE STRUCK HIM DUMB ! AND I DIDN'T MIND ! IT WAS TOUGH ENOUGH PEERING THRU THE SWISHING WINDSHIELD WIPERS AND KEEPING THE CAR ON THE ROAD, WITHOUT HAVING TO DEAL WITH HYSTERICS TOO !"

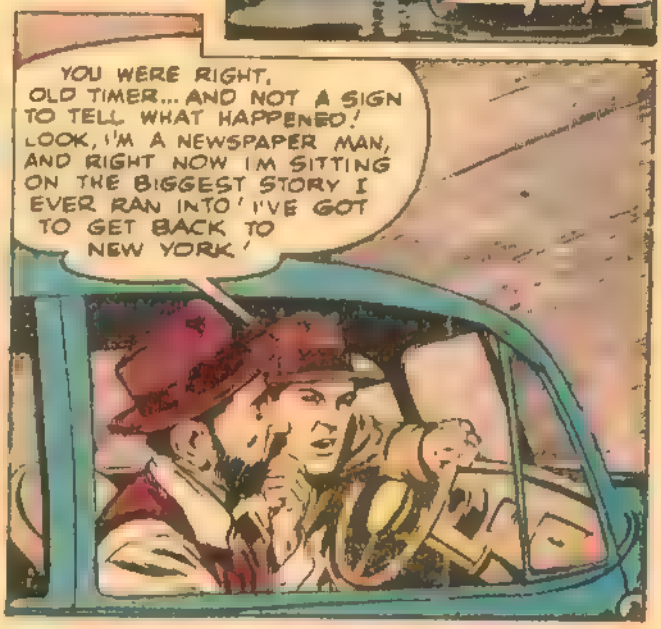


THERE'S THE TOWN UP AHEAD ! SEE ? NO LIGHTS NOTHING ! IT'S EMPTY, LIKE I SAID !
YEAH, IT DOES LOOK KIND OF DESERTED, BUT THERE'S GOT TO BE AN EXPLANATION !

"LIGHTNING RIPPED UP THE SKY, ILLUMINATING THE LITTLE CITY ! THE HAIR STOOD UP ON THE BACK OF MY NECK ! THE CITY WAS EMPTY. . I COULD SEE IT... I COULD FEEL IT ! IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE... YET.. IT WAS SO !"

"I LEFT THE OLD MAN COWERING IN THE CAR, AND FOUGHT THE WIND AND RAIN AS I PROWLED.. LOOKING FOR A CLUE A TRACE OF WHY OR HOW THIS HAD HAPPENED "

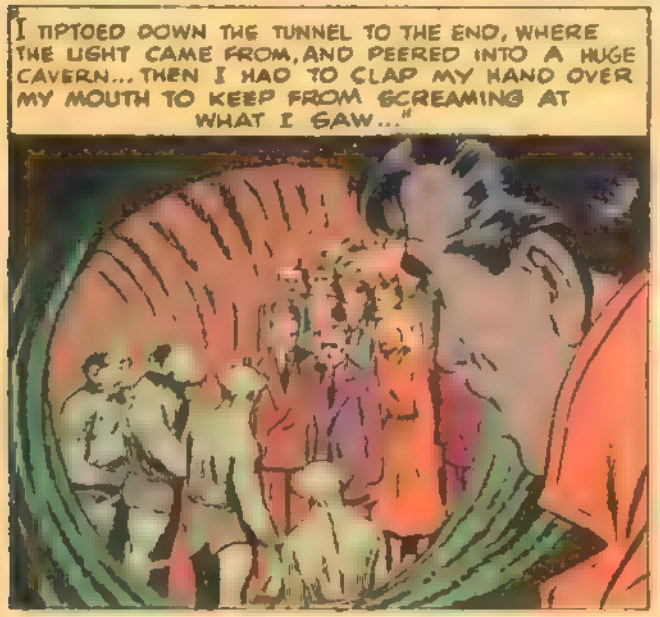
. IT'S UNCANNY ! AND, EVERY EVIDENCE IS THAT, YESTERDAY, THIS WAS A THRIVING LITTLE CITY ! THERE'S A PECULIAR FEELING HERE, TOO... LIKE THE OLD TIMER SAID !

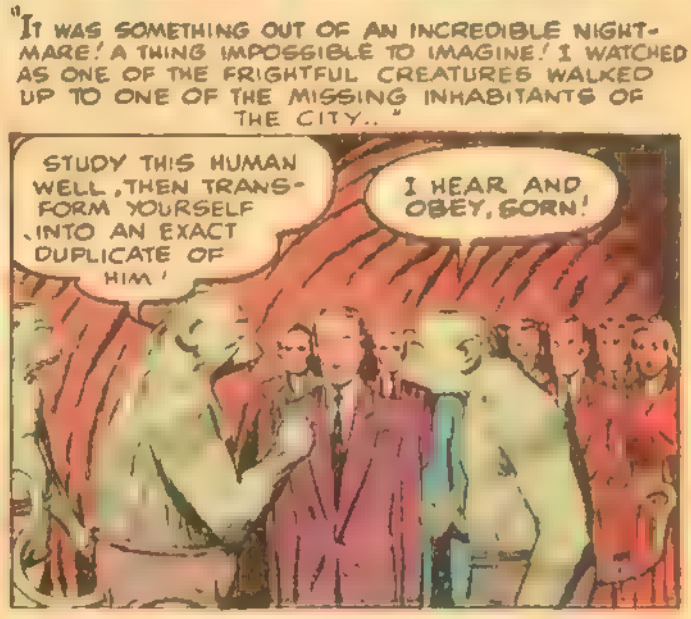

YOU WERE RIGHT, OLD TIMER... AND NOT A SIGN TO TELL WHAT HAPPENED ! LOOK, I'M A NEWSPAPER MAN, AND RIGHT NOW I'M SITTING ON THE BIGGEST STORY I EVER RAN INTO ! I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO NEW YORK !

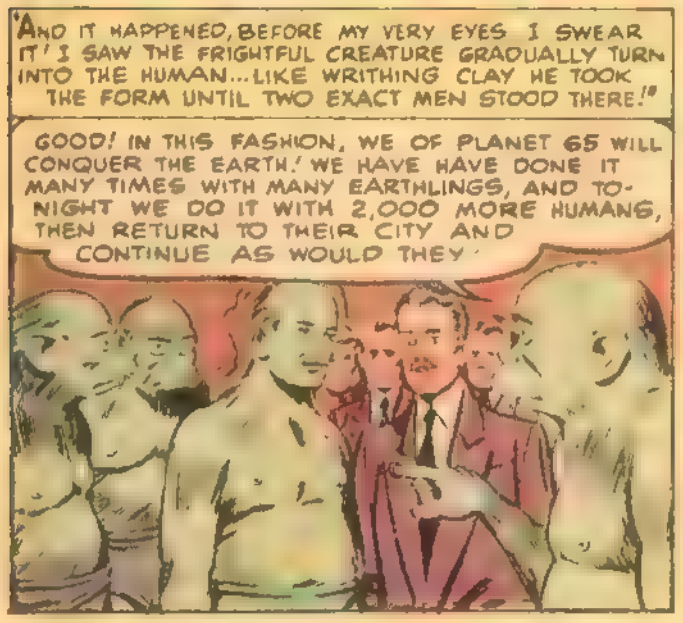
I DROVE ALONG THAT BLACK, RAIN-SPLASHED ROAD LIKE A MADMAN! THIS WAS SENSATIONAL... THE BIGGEST SCOOP OF THE CENTURY!"
I'M TAKING YOU TO THE CITY WITH ME, OLD TIMER, SO YOU CAN VERIFY MY STORY! BOY, MY EDITOR SHOULD GIVE ME A BONUS FOR THIS!
...IT...AIN'T NATURAL... IT'S WITCHCRAFT!
"WE ROUNDED A BEND IN THE ROAD...I SAW LIGHTNING STRIKE THE OLD DEAD TREE I SAW THE TREE FALLING AND I SLAMMED ON MY BRAKES.. AND SKIDDED!"
CRUNCH!
"I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I WAS OUT, BUT IT WAS STILL DARK...STILL RAINING! I TURNED TO THE OLD MAN..."
...OLD TIMER... HEY! HE...HE'S DEAD!
GOT TO FIND SOME SHELTER UNTIL THIS LETS UP A LITTLE! THE SHAPE I'M IN.. I COULDN'T GET ANYPLACE!
"I SAW THE HOLE IN THE EARTH MADE BY THE UPROOTING OF THE TREE, AND I BATTLED THE STORM TOWARD IT!"
...WHEW, I'M ALL IN! EVERY BONE IN MY BODY ACHES! I'LL REST UP AWHILE...WHAT THE... THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME KIND OF A GLOW... A LIGHT IN HERE...

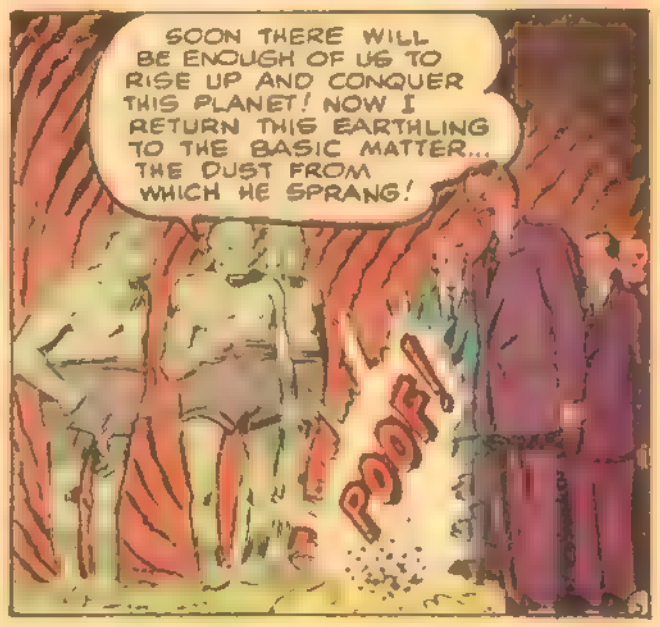
THAT TREE FALLING RIPPED OPEN AN ENTRANCE TO SOME KIND OF UNDER-GROUND TUNNEL! THERE'S LIGHT COMING FROM IN THERE... AND I CAN HEAR VOICES!

"I FORGOT MY ACHES AND PAINS..I WAS A REPORTER AGAIN WITH THE SMELL OF NEWS IN MY NOSTRILS! I SQUEEZED THRU THE OPENING TO THE TUNNEL BEYOND!"
THAT LIGHT, AND SOUNDS ARE COMING FROM UP AHEAD! LOOKS LIKE THIS TUNNEL TERMINATES IN A HUGE SUB-TERRANEAN CAVERN!


I TIPTOED DOWN THE TUNNEL TO THE END, WHERE THE LIGHT CAME FROM, AND PEERED INTO A HUGE CAVERN... THEN I HAD TO CLAP MY HAND OVER MY MOUTH TO KEEP FROM SCREAMING AT WHAT I SAW..."

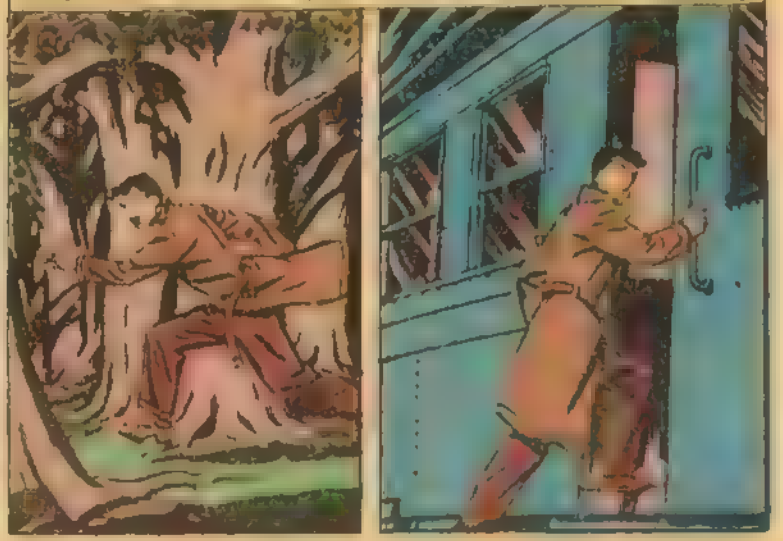

"IT WAS SOMETHING OUT OF AN INCREDIBLE NIGHTMARE! A THING IMPOSSIBLE TO IMAGINE! I WATCHED AS ONE OF THE FRIGHTFUL CREATURES WALKED UP TO ONE OF THE MISSING INHABITANTS OF THE CITY.."
STUDY THIS HUMAN WELL, THEN TRANSFORM YOURSELF INTO AN EXACT DUPLICATE OF HIM!
I HEAR AND OBEY, GORN!


"AND IT HAPPENED, BEFORE MY VERY EYES I SWEAR IT! I SAW THE FRIGHTFUL CREATURE GRADUALLY TURN INTO THE HUMAN... LIKE WRITHING CLAY HE TOOK THE FORM UNTIL TWO EXACT MEN STOOD THERE!"
GOOD! IN THIS FASHION, WE OF PLANET 65 WILL CONQUER THE EARTH! WE HAVE HAVE DONE IT MANY TIMES WITH MANY EARTHLINGS, AND TONIGHT WE DO IT WITH 2,000 MORE HUMANS, THEN RETURN TO THEIR CITY AND CONTINUE AS WOULD THEY!


SOON THERE WILL BE ENOUGH OF US TO RISE UP AND CONQUER THIS PLANET! NOW I RETURN THIS EARTHLING TO THE BASIC MATTER... THE DUST FROM WHICH HE SPRANG!
POOF!

"I STOOD FROZEN WHILE 20 MORE OF THE THINGS TURNED INTO HUMANS...20 MORE HUMANS TURNED INTO DUST! THEN THE HORROR IN MY SOUL FLOODED OVER ME AND I TURNED AND RAN!"

"I ONLY REMEMBER FLASHES OF THINGS AFTER THAT... I GUESS I WAS A LITTLE CRAZY! I REMEMBER STRUGGLING THRU THE STORM! THEN, I REMEMBER BEING ON A TRAIN..."



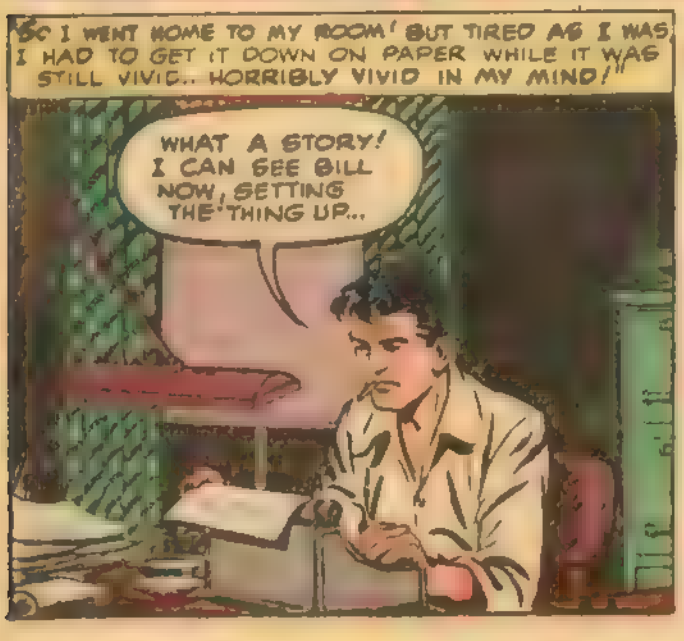
"THEN, I WAS OUT OF THE STORM... IT WAS WARM AND FAMILIAR! THERE WAS A CONCERNED AND GENTLE FACE HOVERING OVER ME BILL GENTRY, MY EDITOR! I WAS IN HIS OFFICE SAFE, AND MY SENSES RETURNED..."

"I TOLD HIM EVERYTHING FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END..."

THAT'S IT... ALL OF IT! BILL, IT'S TRUE...YOU BELIEVE ME DON'T YOU?
IF IT WAS ANYBODY ELSE I WOULDN'T... BUT YOU I BELIEVE! LISTEN, I'LL THROW OUT AN EXTRA... YOU GO HOME AND GET SOME SLEEP, AND TOMORROW, WRITE A FEATURE STORY!

"GOOD OLD BILL, THE BEST EDITOR, THE BEST FRIEND A GUY EVER HAD!"

"SO I WENT HOME TO MY ROOM! BUT TIRED AS I WAS I HAD TO GET IT DOWN ON PAPER WHILE IT WAS STILL VIVID.. HORRIBLY VIVID IN MY MIND!"



YES, THAT'S RIGHT, SORN... HE KNOWS! HE WAS AT PINE CITY AND SAW OUR PLANET 65 AGENTS AT WORK! I WANT HIM DUPLICATED AT ONCE! HIS NAME IS JOHNNY HART AND HE LIVES AT 1400 LEXINGTON AVE.! HURRY!
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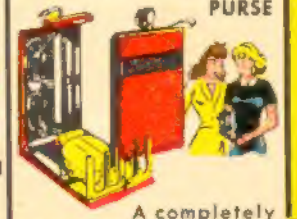

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